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A LIVE PORPOISE AT LAST. -Your real ers will be, doubtless, as much pleased as I am (on my return from various salmon egg collecting expeditions) to find that, at last, Mr Bartleet has succeeded in placing in the Zoological Gardens a porpoise, wich is now in perfect health-and vigor. It arrived on the 29th of December from Deal, where it had been caught in a sprat net but it was determined not to say anything about its arrival in town until it had recovered from its journey. For several days it was very unwell and would not eat, rolling lazily along the side of the pond; but on the 11th day it began to eat some sprais which, tied to a thin and easily broken string where genely made to wab le about in front of its nose by means of a jack spinning Tod. It now, however, eats three pounds of sprats and five pounds of eels every day. This morning it had two tresh herrings and a whiting for breakfast. It will feed in the presence of visi tors and, as it will be observed, seizes the fish by the middle and then jerks it down head foremost. The live eels, however, show the perpoise excellent sport but I would be sorry to be an eel in front of his nose when he is hungry. His or her name (for we do not know the sex is "Ceta," and the beast apparently recogn zes the whistle (the signal for dia-1er) of the k-tp-r; we are going to erect a proper dinner bed It is highly interesting to see the quiet and velver-like motion with which our new frient dives a jout in his pind, occasionally showing his snow white sides as he sturns to eatch a fugitive and much frightened eel. It seems now pretty certain that the por poise will do well in the gardens, and it is only after making many attempt and meeting with many fulures that our knowle lge of the mode of conveyance and treatment of these creatures has at last enabled us to place before the world the first living cetace in ever seen in captivity in London. We shall be glad to increase our stock of living porpoises, and shall therefore be obliged if any reader of this would kindly communicate the whereatouts of any fresh prisoner from the sea, and if within any rea s mable distance of the gardens-says, 150 miles -every attempt will be made to relieve the solitule of poor "Ceta." whose nearest neighbor at present is the offended sturgeon, who ab ut a year ago comp'ained of the insult he received from portoises in general in the columns of Punch - London Times.

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